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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, *et seq.*, the materials listed on the attached Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified Application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to MPEP §609, Applicant requests that the Examiner initial next to each reference on the Form 1449 to indicate that the listed references have been considered. Applicant further requests that a copy of the initialed Form 1449 be returned with the next official communication.

The references listed on the attached Form 1449 have been previously submitted and made of record in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/397,443, filed September 15, 1999, which claims priority to Applicant's prior U.S. Application, Serial No. 08/673,002, filed on June 26, 1996, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120, as such pursuant to MPEP §609 copies of the references are not submitted herewith.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if they are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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